

Springdale Fire Department

Policy & Procedures Manual

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Section 201 – Personnel Safety

201.2 – Geographical Identifiers of Scenes

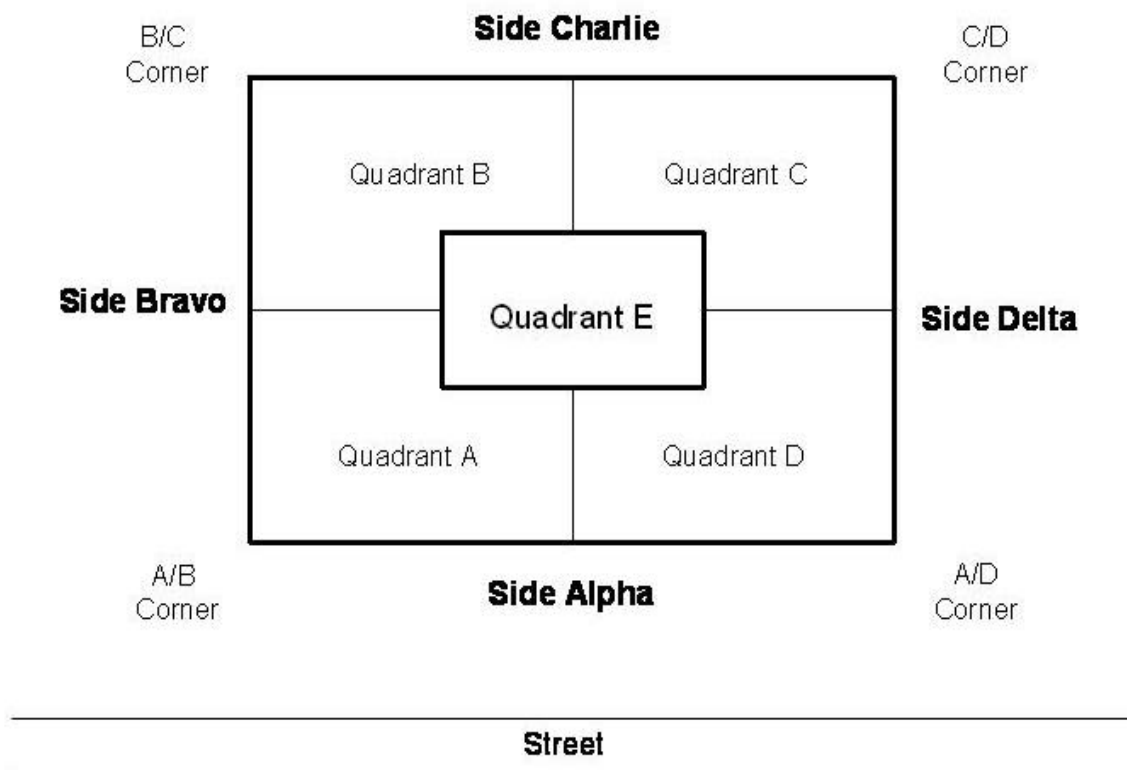
In order to ensure clarity and uniformity in identifying physical or geographical locations during incident operations, the Springdale Fire Department will use a letter/name designation (A-Alpha, B-Bravo, C-Charlie, D-Delta, etc.) for each exterior side of the fire building or incident area.

The letter/name designation begins on the street front side of the structure; the addressed side will be designated “Alpha”. These designations are assigned clockwise around the structure or incident area. In rare instances when structures do not have a readily identifiable street front side, the IC will designate the “Alpha Side.”

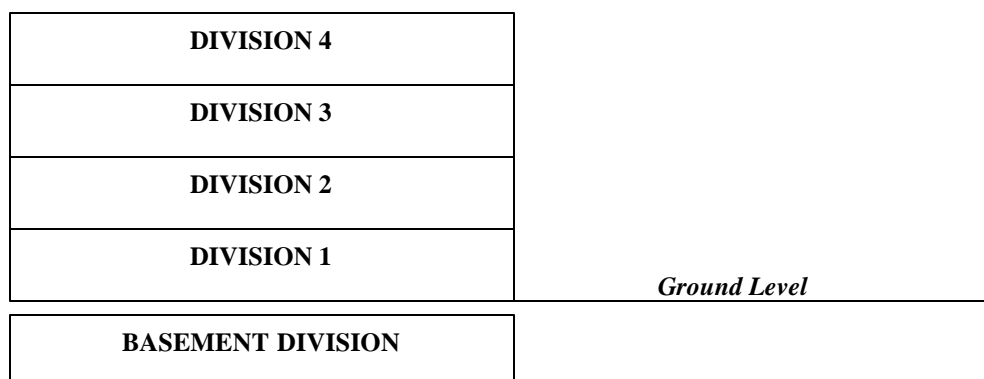
Divisions assigned based on the side of the structure or incident area will be identified as Alpha Division, Bravo Division, etc.

In addition, locations within the interior of a structure will also be identified by quadrants using the same letter name designation. These designations are also assigned clockwise around the structure and will always mirror the exterior descriptions. Quadrant E-Echo will typically only be utilized on larger structures to help provide a reference to the center of the structure. Identifying the interior location of the fire or where companies are working can improve fire ground operations.

Example of the A, B, C, D, Designation System:



Operations at a multistory structure may require each level to be designated by floor number. If the structure has a basement, its' designation will be Basement Division. The ground floor is Division 1; the second floor is Division 2, etc. Example of the Division 1, 2, 3, etc. system:



Exposure identification will follow the same principle. Exposures will be identified in relation to which side of the involved structure they are located. These identifiers will be used to ensure uniformity in describing locations.

